(b) and (c) According to Inter-government Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)-a United Nations body constituted for assessing climate change globally, it has been projected that the global mean sea level may rise between 0.09 and 0.88 metres over the next century. However, lot of uncertainties are associated with these projections due to lack of knowledge of the impacts in various sectors at regional/sub-regional level. However, Government has taken several steps to address green house gas emissions responsible for global warming leading to rise in sea level. These include energy efficiency, energy conservation, renewable energy programmes, fuel switching to cleaner energy, afforestation and better cultivar practices.

Contract Research

†3764. SHRLMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'contract research' is banned in India by assuming it as immoral;

(b) if so, in what manner contract research is going on in our labs; and

(c) if not, the steps Government are going to take to prevent the cruel behaviour against animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIDILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) No Sir.

(b) Contract research is conducted mainly for regulatory toxicology testing in laboratories by institutes and organizations.

(c) Contract research can be conducted only with the prior permission of Committee for the purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) as per the amended rules in vogue.

Garbage causing health hazards

3765. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact, that stock filed garbage in the cities and towns in the country are causing health hazards;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for collection, transportation and disposal of garbage;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.